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William Richards

Serial No.: 10/601,925

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Art Unit: 1743

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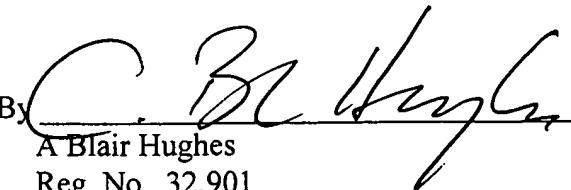
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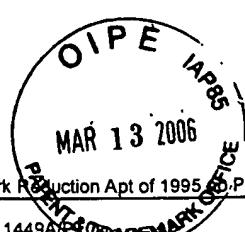
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